

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 24, 2021

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the St. Margaret Parish Community, are a Catholic Parish of diverse ages, gifts and backgrounds. We dedicate ourselves to our personal relationship with Jesus and to growing as a community of faith.

We endeavor to serve the community through education, and service and social ministries, and commit ourselves to the nurturing of the spiritual life by celebrating the Sacraments, by enriching our life of prayer and by deepening our understanding of the Scriptures. We strive to reach out and respond to the changing needs of our community.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN.	OCTOBER 24 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Adolph Roemmelt
10:00	Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Concetta Sciulara/Vincenzo e Aurelia Laudani/Vincenza Palmeri/Daniele Bussa/ Giuseppe Pandola/Francesca Cicio/ Mary Trzeszczkowski
NOON	Mary Trzeszczkowski
5:00PM	People of the Parish
MON.	OCTOBER 25 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Walter R. Martin
9:00	Fred Basedow
TUE.	OCTOBER 26 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Pat Pellegrino
9:00	Theodore Mundy, Jr. (birth)
WED.	OCTOBER 27 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Edward Loftus
9:00	Edward Twomey
THU.	OCTOBER 28 - STS. SIMON AND JUDE
7:00	Jean Peshniak (birth)
9:00	Kathy Kiernan
FRI.	OCTOBER 29 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Dick Policke
9:00	Augie DeSimone
SAT.	OCTOBER 30 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Gerry Frohnhoefer (b)/Louis Fellin/ People of the Parish
5:00PM	People of the Parish
SUN.	OCTOBER 31 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Linda Castagna
10:00	Rita Graffeo/Gerry Frohnhoefer/ Alice & Helen Meagher
NOON	Alice & Helen Meagher
5:00PM	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey



SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE
OCTOBER 28

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

**Monday - Friday - 9am to Noon
and 1pm to 5pm
Saturday - by appointment
Sunday - closed**

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm in the church.

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mondays after the 9am Mass.

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY devotion are prayed every morning in the church at 8:30am.

BAPTISMS take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, at 1:30pm. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child.

WEDDINGS MUST be scheduled at least six months in advance by appointment with a priest or a deacon. Please call the rectory office. For marriage preparation information visit www.pre-cana.org.

THE ENGLISH CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday, at 7 pm in the Church. Tenors and baritones needed!

IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica prima della Messa Italiana.

THE YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS ARE SUSPENDED.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #119 MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.

CUB PACK #119 MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.

SENIOR CITIZENS meet every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon in the Parish Center.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Linda Frazier, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, McKinley Kelleher, Sean Harrison, Justin James Quirke, Elizabeth Ott, Mary Harrison, Gloria Pemaj, Allen McConville, Jack Marchindondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Friscoll, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Bob Biolsi, The Mojica Family, Msgr. Leonard Badia, Matthew Zender, Anthony Pittelli, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weirichs CP, Hannah Lehman, John Austin Bryzgornia, Dave Kazmier, John Nogiewich, Tim Rooney, Frank Ciccone, Cindy (Peli) Heege, Charlie Krzewski, Helga Zender, Deacon John DeBiase, Tom Haubert, John Miller, Cathie Greulich, Carmen Gonzalez, Edward Stoltzenberg, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Bernard Russo, John & Katie Bryzgornia, Eric Velasquez, Joseph Simon, Emma Green, Mary Policke, Donna Stubbs, Heig Allocca, Joyce Seecheeck, The Valasquez Family, Kathryn Hummel, Caroline Martin, Michelle LaBove, Christine Arundel, Jamie Allison, Eileen Hagan, Regina Caridi, Lenny Masone, Lorraine Colon, James Buchanan, Joseph Guecia,

The names will remain for 3 months, please call 718-326-1911 and ask for continued prayers.

Prayer Requests

**Pray for vocations to the Priesthood
and Religious Life.**

**Pray for first responders and
medical personnel.**

**Please pray for our men and women from our Parish
serving in the defense of our country:**

Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer

Sgt. Robert A. Domenici



***WE RECALL OUR
BELOVED DECEASED***

Especially:

Maria Scarpulla, Rosaria Gianoli

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Emma and Michael
Putillo at the request of The family.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Marion Farrenkopf
at the request of Marissa & Matt Hopkins.*



**DON'T FORGET
TO FALL BACK ON
SATURDAY NIGHT
NOVEMBER 6**

TODAY'S READINGS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Heb 5:1-6

Mk 10:46-52

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17

Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21

Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Rom 8:18-25

Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4, 5, 6

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30

Ps 13:4-5, 6

Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Eph 2:19-22

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

Lk 6:12-16

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29

Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18

Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday:

Dt 6:2-6

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

From the Pastor's Desk:

“On Blindness”

Many of us of a certain age read the classic poem “On His Blindness” by John Milton (1608-74). It expresses not only his fears and anxieties as he lost his sight but also the strengthening of his reliance on God.

Fortunately, the closest that most people to get to physical blindness, the growing need for eyeglasses or contact lenses notwithstanding, is when we close our eyes, although we still can “see” images in our mind’s “eye” because we have seen these things in reality. But imagine, now, a person who was born blind, who has never seen the beauties of nature or works of art or the people around him/her, who has felt the warmth of the sun but has never marveled at the star-studded majesty of the night sky. Such a one was Bartimaeus in today’s Gospel.

We have great concern today for the blind, special living facilities and schools, guide dogs, and the gift of Braille, but, aside from some compassion, these things did not exist in the time of Christ. The blind person would be cut off from the life of the community, including worship, looked upon as a sinner whom God had punished with blindness, moved to the margins of society and the pity of those around him/her, even reduced to begging for some loose change just to get by. Bartimaeus had hit bottom. He also was moved to take good advantage of Jesus’ passing by, going out on a limb and crying for attention in the hope that Christ might be able to do something for him. It was worth a shot, anyway.

Just as He did last week with the brothers James and John, Jesus acknowledged the call for attention and asked, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The answer is not a request for power, prestige, or wealth but the heartfelt plea, “Lord, I want to see.” “Go your way,” Christ responded, “your faith has saved you.” That’s an odd response, but, even odder, St. Mark tells us that Bartimaeus “immediately ... received his sight and followed [Jesus] on the way.”

There’s more going on in the story between the lines. Bartimaeus risked his “livelihood” as a beggar, such as it was, for the possibility of a life-changing opportunity of an encounter with Christ. Being able to see would join him to the community’s activities and worship but also would deprive him of his accustomed income and require him to change his life, working in order to make a proper living. Christ didn’t touch his eyes but told him that his faith had saved him. We easily forget that miracles require faith, actively accepting this gift from God.

Finally, what does it mean that Bartimaeus “followed [Jesus] on the way”? The immediate “way” for Christ was the road to Jerusalem, leading Him to His passion, death and resurrection, as He had been telling His disciples for some time. “The Way” was the term used by the early Church for discipleship, namely, that following Christ entailed the commitment to a whole new way of self-sacrificial living. I suggest that St. Mark is telling us that Bartimaeus wasn’t just walking up a dirt road behind Jesus. His faith had brought him to a new realization that he had been given a second chance for life, and he would make the most of it as a disciple of the One Whom he recognized as “Lord”.

Sin is an exclusivist turning inward on oneself. It cuts us off from others, blinding us to the love of God and to the people around us. Each one of us suffers from it in our own way in the varied situations of our daily lives. It is overcome by faith, trusting in God’s love and mercy in order that we might be healed, the “eyes” of our soul opened, and we put on the proper road of true life in Christ.

As we go our own way in brokenness and need for redemption, Christ asks, “What do you want Me to do for you?” Each of us is called by faith to present our particular blindnesses to Him, and, having been cured, to follow Him along His Way that leads to the fullness of life in the Kingdom of the Father.

May God grant us the grace to ask boldly that He may overcome our blindness!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're **OVER THE TOP** for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign with **\$77,378 in pledges** received from **170 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **101.8% of goal**, thanks to your generosity. How much more can we add to the total? **Money over goal that is collected by the end of the year will come back to the Parish for our own local needs.**

The goal comes to a fair share donation of about \$120 from each of our 650 families. Almost 500 families have yet to participate. Some can give more, some less, but **everyone can give something. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge this year.** Forms and envelopes are available in church.

Money raised by this campaign is used to support programs for our elderly and youth, nursing facilities, seminarians and retired priests, and other diocesan and parish pastoral needs.

Please note: NO money received through this campaign is used in the settlement of ANY lawsuits.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We hold a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration consisting of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, litany, scriptural reading, and time for quiet, personal prayer from 9:30 until 10:30AM on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, November 6.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord! Let us pray for our nation.

ALTAR SERVER UPDATE

Training for new and experienced altar servers has begun. Sessions will be held for the next five Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30pm in the church. Masks are required. Parents are invited to sit in on the classes.

Experienced altar servers: Please report to the sacristy to serve whenever you come to Mass as well as when you're scheduled.

ROSARY CHALLENGE

October is the month of the Rosary, but every day of every month is a good time to pray the Rosary. Pray at least five decades each day for the intension(s) of your choice. Free booklets on how to pray the Rosary are available in the pamphlet racks in church to assist you.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY



is located in the Convent
66-25 79th Place

The Pantry is open every
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10:00am to 12:00Noon

The Food Pantry is in need of canned soups and fruits, jelly, cooking oil and Parmalat milk in a carton. As always, we are asking for **grocery store gift cards**, which can be placed in the rectory office mail slot.

Again, we thank you for your continued support!

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass with music is celebrated each month for the repose of the souls of those who were buried from our church during the preceding month.

Families who wish to have an annual or "month's mind" Mass offered for a loved one can join in the monthly celebration. Contact the Rectory, **718-326-1911** to make the arrangements.

The next memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:45am Saturday, November 13.



SAINT MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Our biggest fundraiser will be held as a **November Calendar Fundraiser.**

Each day a lucky winner will be announced.

Multiple prizes on many days.

\$20 for 1 ticket

\$50 for 3 tickets

\$100 for 6 tickets

Money can be dropped off at the **school office**,
Monday thru Friday, 8:30am until 3:00pm.

HOLY HOUR AND MEETING

We will hold a holy hour followed by a brief meeting of all EMHCs, lectors, ushers, and members of the music ministry beginning at 7:30pm **this Thursday, October 28** in the Church. Please plan on participating!

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who are responding to the stewardship initiative and continue to support *your* parish as best as possible during these difficult times, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings!

To use **Faith Direct** for e-giving, go to the icon on our website and follow the instructions to sign up; or you can go straight to **faithdirect.net** and enter our parish code, **NY299**. You can change your decision later on, as you wish.

IRREGULAR MARRIAGE?

If you and your spouse were only married civilly and not in a Catholic ceremony or Mass, you need to have your marriage convalidated in order to participate in the sacramental life of the Church. It is often a simple process, but you should call the Rectory to speak with one of the priests for guidance as soon as possible.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Parish Hall on Saturday, November 20 from 9:00am until 3:30pm

THE COST: \$45 per person.

THE BENEFITS: 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record.

CONTACT: Sr. Bridget, **718-326-1911** for more information or to register.

MASS BOOK OPENING

The *2022 Mass Book* will open **this** Tuesday, October 26, from 1:00 until 4:00pm **in the church**. Enter from the 80th Street ramp doors and be seated in the pews. Forms will be available.

Cash or check for your offering will be accepted.

All Announced Masses: \$15/intention

Weekly Memorials: \$25/intention for wine and hosts, sanctuary lamp, or altar candles.

CONNECT TO FORMED!

FORMED, produced by the Augustine Institute, has come to St. Margaret's and is available without charge to all parishioners. All that is needed to visit the website is Internet access and an e-mail account.

FORMED is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation, prayer, sacramental preparation, and so much more. Recent presentations include videos on St. John Paul II, "The Search", praying the Rosary, Scripture study, the Eucharist, programming in Polish, sacred art, children's stories like "The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello", activities for children, and many other topics.

The app can be downloaded very easily to your computer or ROKU and also to your cell phone or iPad so that you can enjoy the presentations wherever you happen to be.

To **register** on FORMED:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org/signup
- 2) Enter our Zip Code, 11379, and select St. Margaret.
- 3) Enter your name and email address.

If you **already have a FORMED account:**

- 1) Go to FORMED.org
- 2) Click on "Sign In"
- 3) Enter your email address
- 4) Click the link to your email
- 5) BOOM! You're in and free to explore to your heart's delight.

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

We are back to 100% occupancy for use of the church for Mass and other celebrations. The Church will be open for private prayer until 12 Noon on weekdays, from 8:30am to 6pm on Saturdays, and between Masses on Sundays.

Come early and/or stay afterwards to pray, and bring someone to Mass with you!

Please observe these common sense rules for your safety and that of others:

- ~ Do NOT enter the church, if you are feeling sick.
- ~ Church teaching does NOT prohibit vaccinations; they are encouraged.
- ~ Wearing a facemask or covering remains optional **IF YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED**, but please consider those around you, especially the unvaccinated..
- ~ Receive Communion in the hand.